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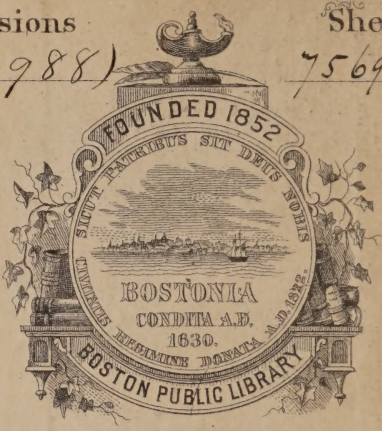

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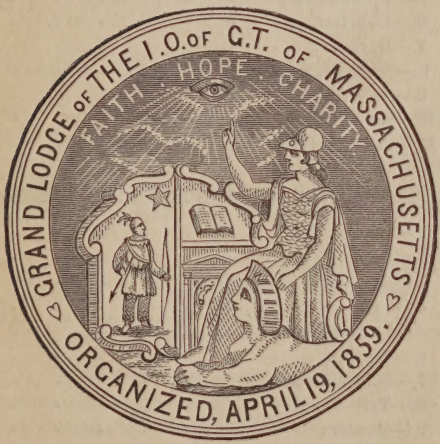

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE—REPRESENTATION—JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS, and shall be composed of delegates from Subordinate Lodges who may have been elected as such, in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. After a Lodge shall have been instituted ONE year, no member shall be eligible as Representative or Alternate to the Grand Lodge except P. W. C. T's., P. W. V. T's. and the W. C. T. and W. V. T.

SEC. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to TWO Representatives in the Grand Lodge for fifty members and less, and one for each additional fifty or fraction over fifty.

SEC. 4. To entitle a Representative or Alternate to admission to the Grand Lodge Degree, he or she must produce a certificate under the seal of the Lodge, signed by the W. C. T. and W. S., as an evidence of eligibility in accordance

with the requirements of this Constitution. All P. W. C. T's. and P. W. V. T's. shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree on presenting the certificate in accordance with the requirements of this Section, and all members who are in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree may be present at the sessions of the Grand Lodge, but none except officers and members, shall be permitted to vote on any subject before the Lodge.

SEC. 5. Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be elected to serve for one year, commencing with the session of the Grand Lodge held in April, and each Lodge shall have the right to elect as many Alternates as Representatives, who may act in the Grand Lodge during the absence of the Representatives. Vacancies may be filled at any time for the residue of the term.

SEC. 6. This Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over all those parts of Massachusetts in which there are at present, or may be hereafter, Lodges located; is the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction, and without its sanction no Lodge can exist. It possesses the sole right and power, in the manner hereinafter provided, of granting or suspending charters; of receiving appeals and redressing grievances arising in Lodges; of originating and regulating the means of its own support; of deciding all questions arising out of this Constitution, the By-Laws and Rules of Order; and of doing all other acts necessary to promote the interests of the Order; provided, the same are not in violation of the law of the land or of the Constitution of the R. W. G. Lodge of North America.

SEC. 7. This Grand Lodge shall hold its sessions semi-annually, commencing on the third Wednesday of April and the third Wednesday of October of each year.

SEC. 8. The chartered location of this Grand Lodge shall be at Boston, Massachusetts; but the Grand Lodge shall, during its sessions, determine, by ballot, the place of its

next session, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; in case there should be no choice on the first ballot, the Lodge shall proceed immediately to vote again, and the choice shall be confined to the two places having the largest number of votes on the first ballot.

SEC. 9. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless SEVEN Subordinate Lodges are represented.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be—

1. Grand Worthy Chief Templar.
2. Grand Worthy Counsellor.
3. Grand Worthy Vice Templar.
4. Grand Worthy Secretary.
5. Grand Worthy Treasurer.

And the appointed Officers shall consist of—

1. Grand Worthy Chaplain.
2. Grand Worthy Marshal.
3. Grand Worthy Deputy Marshal.
4. Grand Worthy Inside Guard.
5. Grand Worthy Outside Guard.

SEC. 2. The elective officers shall be chosen at each session of the Grand Lodge in April, to hold office for one year; the election to be made by written or printed ballot; and in case no candidate shall receive a majority of all the votes cast, on the first ballot, a second balloting shall be ordered, which shall be confined to the two highest candidates on the first ballot.

SEC. 3. At the time of the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Lodge shall elect as many Representatives to the

R. W. Grand Lodge of North America as the Grand Lodge may be entitled to, and the same number of Alternates. Any member of this Grand Lodge may be elected who shall be eligible in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North America.

SEC. 4. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, by and with the consent and approval of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The G. W. C. T. shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, preserve order therein, and enforce a due obedience of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. All questions of order and all decisions made by him* shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be his duty to put the questions on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge; he may appoint all Grand Officers PRO TEM., and all committees not otherwise provided for; he shall appoint all Deputy G. W. C. T's., who to be eligible, must have received the Grand Lodge Degree; he shall give the casting vote in all cases of a tie, except at the election of officers; he shall decide all appeals on questions of law which may be made to him from the decisions of Deputy G. W. C. T's.; he shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order, to the Deputies or to the Lodges, as may be necessary; he may summon any one of the Grand Officers, and require

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*To avoid ambiguity of expression throughout this constitution, the masculine form of the pronoun is used, but it is in all cases to be construed as referring to either sex according to the circumstances.

from him information respecting his office; he shall personaly, or by deputy, visit each Lodge under his jurisdiction at least once each quarter, and make a report at the annual, session of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The Grand Worthy Counsellor shall support the G. W. C. T. in presiding, and in his absence shall fill the chair for him. In the event of a vacancy in the office of G. W. C. T. the G. W. Counsellor shall become the G. W. C. T. for the balance of the term.

SEC. 3. The Grand Worthy Vice Templar shall assist the G. W. C. T. in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall have special charge of the doors, and in the absence of the G. W. C. T. and G. W. C. shall preside; and in case of a vacancy in both of these offices, may become G. W. C. T. for the balance of the term.

SEC. 4. The Grand Worthy Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every session, and transmit as soon as possible after the close of its sessions printed copies thereof to the Subordinate Lodges; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and Subordinates, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking his receipt for the same; he shall issue all necessary notices to Subordinates and Representatives, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge shall direct; he shall perform such other duties as are herein provided for, or may be ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall receive such salary as may be ascertained and fixed upon by each annual session of the Grand Lodge, which salary shall be paid quarterly; he shall previous to his installation give bonds to the three first named officers in such form and penalty as they shall approve, for the faithful discharge of his duties, and at the close of his term shall make a full report of his acts to the Grand

Lodge. The office of the G. W. S. shall not necessarily be at the chartered location.

SEC. 5. The Grand Worthy Treasurer, shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the G. W. C. T. under the seal of the Grand Lodge; keep his accounts in such manner as will exhibit the sources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid, have his accounts closed up on the first day of the annual session of each year, and submit to the Finance Committee, and make a full report to the Grand Lodge at the close of his term of office; he shall, previous to his installation, give bonds to the three first named officers, in such form and penalty as they shall approve, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. The Grand Worthy Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and perform the duties of his office.

SEC. 7. The Grand Worthy Marshal, shall introduce the Grand Officers at their installation, new members at their initiation, and conduct the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; he shall have charge of all property not under the control of the other officers; he shall, at the opening of the session, see the officers' badges in their proper places, and at the close, see that they are collected and deposited in a place of safety.

SEC. 8. The Grand Worthy Guards shall guard the doors and see that none enter or retire but those duly authorised.

SEC 9. The Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templars shall be the organs of the W.C.T. with the Subordinates; shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly; collect from Lodges all returns and moneys due the Grand Lodges, and forward them immediately to the G. W. T.; install the Officers of the Lodges under their charge, either personally

or by P. W. C. T.'s. specially deputed by them for that purpose; decide all questions of law that may be submitted to them by Lodges, or members thereof under their charge, and report quarterly to the G. W. C. T. of their proceedings. They shall report immediately to the G. W. C. T. all cases of violation, on the part of Subordinates of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, or disobedience to its lawful commands.

SEC. 10. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to those specified in this Constitution, perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may require.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFENCES AND VACANCIES.

SEC. 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office by the Grand Lodge, for misconduct or neglect of duty; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of Representatives present shall be necessary for removal.

SEC. 2. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Whenever the G. W. C. T. or officer acting as such shall be on trial, or whenever a resolution for the removal of the W. C. T. or officer acting as such shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any P. G. W. C. T. then to occupy the chair.

SEC. 3. Any Representative may be expelled from his seat as such, for misconduct, upon the vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present, at any meeting after a copy of the resolution of expulsion shall have been served upon him.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the office of D. G. W. C. T. shall be filled by the G. W. C. T. to serve for the residue of the

term of the former incumbent. Vacancies in the other Grand Offices shall be filled by the Grand Lodge if in session; if not, then by the Grand Council, and for the term of the former incumbent.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The elective Grand Officers shall constitute the Grand Council, to act in the recess of the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be assigned them, and shall constitute the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

SEC. 2. There shall be appointed at each annual session, the following regular Committees, which shall severally perform such duties relating to the subjects on which they are apponted as the Grand Lodge may direct.

1st. Committee on Finance.

2d. Committee on appeals.

SEC. 3. The above Committees shall each consist of five members.

SEC. 4. The Finance Committee shall, in addition to other duties, ascertain and report, at the commencement of each annual session, the amount required for the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year; and suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 5. In all cases where a member of a Lodge has been fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, or has been deprived of any honor, privilege or benefit, by his Lodge, he may appeal to the D. G. W. C. T., by filing with the Secretary of his Lodge, a notice of the appeal, with the grounds thereof, and thereupon the Lodge shall, without delay, send under its seal to the D. G. W. C. T. for his Lodge, such notices of appeal, together with certified copies of all minutes, charges, evidence

and other books and papers in their possession, or under the control of the Lodge, relating to the subject matter of appeal, and thereupon the D. G. W. C. T. shall hear, and determine the appeal.

SEC. 6. The D. G. W. C. T. shall file his decision with the grounds thereof, with the Lodge, and deliver a copy to the opposite party. Either party feeling aggrieved by his decision, may appeal to the Grand Lodge, which appeal shall be heard upon the same papers submitted to the D. G. W. C. T. It shall be the duty of the D. G. W. C. T., on notice from the appellant, to transmit all such papers to the G. W. S.

ARTICLE VI.

CHARTERS.

SEC. 1. On the written application of ten or more persons of good standing in community, asking for a Charter to open a Lodge, and such petition being sanctioned by the Lodge or a majority of the Lodges already instituted in such city or town from which such petition emanates, the Grand Council may grant the same, and such Lodge shall receive its Charter and the necessary instructions from the G. W. C. T. or a D. G. W. C. T. or a member specially deputed; all necessary expenses, if any, of the installing officers to be borne by the Lodge so opened.

ARTICLE VII.

REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses thereof, and shall be derived from Charter fees and assessments hereafter provided.

SEC. 2. The fee for a Charter to open a new Lodge with the necessary working books, shall be six dollars; and for degree books, two dollars. The money to accompany the application for Charter.

SEC. 3. At each annual session the Finance Committee shall ascertain as nearly as possible, what amount will be necessary, in addition to what may be received for Charter fees &c., to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge for the current year, and the amount so estimated shall be assessed upon the Subordinate Lodges, fixing it at so much per member. Each Subordinate Lodge shall, with the quarterly returns in proportion to the number of members then returned, pay to the D. G. W. C. T. their quarterly assessments; and no Deputy shall communicate the pass-word for the quarter, until the quarterly returns and Grand Lodge dues shall be in his hands.

ARTICLE VIII.

RETURNS, ETC.

SEC. 1. At the end of each quarter every Subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge, the work thereof for such term, which shall include the number initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—re-instated—and deceased—together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—and the result of the election of Officers.

SEC. 2. All laws, regulations and rules of the Grand Lodge for the government of Subordinate Lodges, or the officers and members thereof, shall be incorporated into he Constitution thereof, and no changes therein shall be made, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, after it shall have once been made in conformity to this Consti-

tution, cannot be changed or amended in any manner except at a regular session of the Grand Lodge—next after the regular session at which the proposition for such change and amendment shall have been submitted in writing by two Representatives.

ARTICLE IX.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. No Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended or expelled or deprived of any of its rights or privileges, except as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. Whenever any Subordinate Lodge shall violate the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or Regulations of this Grand Lodge, such Lodge shall be liable to a trial and punishment as herein provided.

SEC. 3. Before any Lodge can be put on trial, charges shall be preferred, duly specifying the offence, to the Grand Lodge, by the D. G. W. C. T., by another Lodge, or any member of the Grand Lodge, a copy of which shall be served on the said Lodge, and its answer together with the charges, shall be handed to the D. G. W. C. T. and by him sent to the G. W. Secretary, when the Grand Lodge or Grand Council shall take such action as shall seem most expedient to determine and settle the case.

SEC. 4. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its Charter, the officers of the Lodge shall surrender to the G. W. C. T. or his Deputy, all books, papers, funds or other property belonging to such Lodge, and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by

this Constitution for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge and its Charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 6. Members of a suspended or expelled Lodge, or of a Lodge where the Charter has been surrendered or forfeited, who were in good standing at the time of such suspension or dissolution, shall, upon the recommendation of the D. G. W. C. T., receive from the G. W. Secretary a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge; provided such members are not excluded by the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of seven or more members of an extinct Lodge to the Grand Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct, to unite in such application or such portion thereof as the Grand Lodge may approve of, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to said Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been previously disposed of by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE X.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge may enact, alter or amend such By-Laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution, and of regulating the proceedings of its officers and committees, and of providing for the safety and security of the funds and property.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge may in like manner, make such Rules of Order as may be necessary for the regulation of its session, and for securing good order and the dispatch of business. Such Rules of Order may be suspended at

any meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided that such suspension shall not extend beyond the meeting which voted therefor.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. No part of this Constitution shall be amended, altered, annulled or suspended, nor shall any additions be made thereto, except at a regular session, and in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. A proposition to amend the Constitution shall be recommended by a majority of the Representatives present at a regular session, a copy of such amendment shall be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge, and shall not be acted upon by the Grand Lodge until the next regular session thereafter.

SEC. 3. At such regular session the proposition shall be considered, and if approved upon the call of the ayes and nays, by two-thirds of the votes given, it shall be adopted and go immediately into effect, unless otherwise provided in the proposition.

Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Lodge shall be hailed and entitled LODGE——— No.———I. O. of G. T., holding a legal Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and shall consist of at least ten members, and cannot voluntarily surrender its Charter or dissolve, so long as ten members in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

No member shall make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, and shall discountenance the manufacture and sale thereof in all proper ways.

ARTICLE III.

ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS.

1. Males and females may be admitted into this Lodge, but none under TWELVE years of age; provided that no person residing in a town where a Lodge or Lodges exist, shall be received into this Lodge without the consent of the Lodge nearest* the residence of such person.

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* In a city or town where there may be more than one Lodge, any Lodge in said city or town shall be considered as "the Lodge nearest the residence."

2. The name and residence of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three members for investigation, two of whom shall be appointed by the W. C. T. and the third by the W. V. T., who shall report in writing at the next regular meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than TWO black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if more black balls appear, or if a majority of the balls be black, the candidate shall be rejected, and so declared. If objections should be made to any candidate after election, and previous to initiation, the Lodge may rescind the vote by which the candidate was elected. In case of rejection, any member may move a reconsideration at that meeting, or the next meeting, but at no other. No person so rejected, shall be again proposed or initiated in any Lodge of the Order under six months. The D. G. W. C. T., may, by request, grant a dispensation to propose, elect and initiate the same evening, if not more than three members object.

3. A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the unanimous consent of the members present.

4. All candidates for membership by deposit of card or as Ancient Good Templars, whose cards have been granted more than three months, shall deposit their cards with the proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card has been lost.

5. No suspended or expelled member of the Order can be received in membership in this Lodge, except on being reinstated and receiving a card of clearance from the Lodge which suspended or expelled him.*

NOTE.—To avoid ambiguity of expression throughout this constitution, the masculine form of the pronoun is used, but it is in all cases to be construed as referring to either sex, according to the circumstances.

6. No member can receive a card of clearance, except he be free from all charges on the books of the Lodge, and the Lodge by a vote at a regular meeting consent thereto, and any vote granting the same may be reconsidered at any time before the card is delivered.

7. When the candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Lodges within ten miles.

8. Every person, on becoming a member of the Lodge, shall sign the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

FEES AND DUES.

1. The initiation fee to this Lodge shall not be less than fifty cents for each person initiated, and the regular dues not less than one cent per week, to be paid quarterly in advance.

2. On granting a certificate for Degrees to a member, this Lodge shall charge therefor at the rate of not less than twenty-five cents for each Degree, and the proceeds shall go into the funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

DEGREES.

1. Applications for Degrees must be made to the W. F. S., who, at the proper time, must apply for the same, and state that the member is entitled to the Degrees applied for; that he has paid for the same, and is in good standing.

2. All applications for Degrees must be balloted for when the Lodge is opened in the particular Degree applied for, and if not more than one black ball appear, the Degree

shall be granted. The proceedings of the Lodge, when balloting for Degrees, or conferring the same, are to be recorded in a separate record book kept for that purpose.

3. The Degrees shall be conferred by the G. W. C. T., his deputy, or a Degree Templar, elected by the Lodge, and the Officer conferring the Degrees may call to his aid such members of the Order as he may require.

4. After this Lodge has been instituted one year, no member shall be eligible to the office of W. C. T. or W. V. T., unless he shall have first taken the Degrees.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

1. The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall consist of a W. C. T., W. V. T., W. S., W. F. S, W. T., W. M., W. C., W. I. G., and W. O. G.

2. The appointed Officers shall consist of a W. A. S., W. D. M., W. R. H. S., W. L. H. S.

3. After this Lodge has been instituted three full terms, no member shall be eligible to the office of W. C. T., unless he has served a regular term in some subordinate office, either elective or appointed.

4. All Officers shall be clear of any charges on the books at the time of installation.

5. The officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and installed at the first regular meeting in the succeeding term. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled at any regular meeting.

6. The seat of any officer absenting himself from the Lodge for three succeeding meetings, may be declared vacant by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

7. In case the chair of the W. C. T. becomes vacant, a P. W. C. T. designated by the Lodge shall preside, until such vacancy shall be filled; and any member who shall be elected to and installed into such office shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the W. C. T. to preside in the Lodge, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and exact a compliance with the rules and usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Lodge when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all ballotings or other votes; direct the W. S. to call special meetings when application shall be made in writing, signed by five members of the Lodge; draw upon the W. T. for all sums necessary to pay the appropriations made by the Lodge. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that all the quarterly returns are prepared for the Grand Lodge, certified by him with the seal of the Lodge, and also that whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge is paid to the installing officer. He shall perform such other duties as the Lodge or his charge shall require.

2. It shall be the duty of the W. V. T. to render the W. C. T. such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W. C. T. the W. V. T. shall perform his duty.

3. The W. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge; write communications; he shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the W. C. T.; attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at a

regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of the term, for the Lodge, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Lodge, and, with the W. C. T., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to his office. He shall notify all Lodges within ten miles, within one week after, of the name, occupation and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Lodge.

4. The W. A. S. shall be an aid to the W. S. under whose direction he shall act. He shall render to the W. S. such assistance, in the performance of his duties, as he or the Lodge may require of him.

5. It shall be the duty of the W. F. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T. immediately taking a receipt. On the evening of election, he shall make out for the Lodge a full report, and furnish the W. S. with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, as well as with any other information connected with his office, necessary to enable the W. S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Lodge. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office in his possession, and shall perform such other duties as the Lodge or his charge may require of him.

6. The W. F. S. shall read the names of all members in arrears for dues, the last meeting in each month, and present a written statement, the first meeting in each quarter, showing the amount of moneys received, and the sources from which the revenue of the Lodge has been derived for the preceding quarter.

7. It shall be the duty of the W. T. to give a bond of not less than one hundred dollars, with such surety as may be approved by the Lodge, to pay all orders that may be drawn on him by the W. C. T., attested by the W. S., and none others; he shall receive all moneys of the Lodge, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge; shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Lodge, to his successor in office, or to whom the Lodge may specially appoint, and make a written statement, the first Lodge night in each quarter, showing the financial condition of the Lodge. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or his charge.

8. It shall be the duty of the W. M. to introduce for inititation persons who have previously been elected. He shall examine those present at the opening of the Lodge. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Lodge, and take charge of the same at the close, and shall have charge of such property of the Lodge as may not be otherwise provided for.

9. It shall be the duty of the D. M. to render such services as the W. M. or the Lodge may require of him.

10. It shall be the duty of the I. G. to attend the door and admit none but members of the Order and candidates for initiation.

11. The O. G. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

ARTICLE VIII.

TERMS.

The regular semi-annual terms of this Lodge, shall commence on the first of April and October; and the Charter

of this Lodge shall be forfeited, if the Lodge refuse or neglect to make its returns to the Grand Lodge for one year.

ARTICLE IX.

QUORUM.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X.

TRIALS.

1. If a member of the Lodge should violate the laws of the Order, or be guilty of unworthy conduct, it shall be the duty of any member knowing the same, immediately to communicate it, in writing, to the W. C. T., who, concealing the name of the informant, shall read the same in open Lodge, and immediately refer the communication, or a copy thereof, to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to summon the witnesses and the accused before them, and investigate the matter; and, if, in their opinion, there are just grounds for the accusation, they shall forthwith prefer charges against the accused, based upon the testimony, which the committee are to collate and produce to the Lodge in writing. When the accused pleads guilty, either to the committee or in open Lodge, the Lodge shall forthwith proceed to punish. The Secretary shall then furnish the accused with a copy of the charges, and cite him to appear before the Lodge at its next stated meeting, at which time the trial shall take place, unless for good reasons postponed. The testimony furnished by the committee shall be read on trial, and no other testimony shall be introduced, unless it is new in its character. The accused, after being

allowed a hearing, shall then retire, and the Lodge proceed to vote upon the charges; and if sustained in whole, or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the Lodge shall decide by a two-thirds vote, some order of punishment.

2. When a Lodge has determined upon the order of punishment, and in case of suspension or fine has fixed the fine, (which in cases of violation of Article 2, of the Constitution, shall not be less than one dollar,) or the term of suspension, the accused member shall be called in, and the decision be communicated to him by the W. C. T.

3. When the committee are of opinion, from the evidence, that there are no just grounds for the accusation, they will so report to the Lodge, in which case the trial will not be gone into: but the Lodge, if it thinks proper, may require the reading of the evidence, and may remand the case back to the same, or a new committee.

4. Should any member evade the reading of a citation, or after receiving the same, should wilfully neglect or refuse to attend the Lodge at the time fixed, and remain throughout the investigation or trial of the case, the Lodge may proceed, in his absence, to expel him for contempt; provided, that if the absence of the accused shall have been produced by unavoidable circumstances, or injustice be otherwise done thereby, said accused member shall be entitled to a re-hearing of his case, and have every opportunity afforded him to vindicate himself against said accusation.

5. Any member knowing another to have violated the pledge, and refusing to notify the Lodge within one month thereafter, of the fact, shall be dealt with in the same manner as though such member had violated his pledge.

6. A charge or charges may be preferred against an absconding member, and proceedings had thereon, without the

issue of a citation by the Secretary; but in all other respects, the case must be determined as if he were present.

7. A member, against whom charges have been preferred in this Lodge, has a right to be present at all meetings of the committee to which the charges are referred; and he has the right to confront all the witnesses against him.

8. A committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred against a member, shall give the accused full and reasonable notice of its place and time of meeting.

10. All testimony received by a committee, when investigating the charges against a brother, shall be reduced to writing and reported to the Lodge.

11. All votes taken under this article, in the Lodge, shall be by ball ballots.

12. A member under charges, and during the investigation thereof by the Lodge, is under a state of suspension, and cannot participate in the work of the Lodge.

13. In case of a trial where the punishment is fixed by law, it is only necessary to find the accused guilty of the charge preferred.

14. A definite suspension, as a means of punishment for offences committed, requires no action to re-instate at the expiration of the time of suspension; but an indefinite suspension shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to re-instate.

15. Any member who shall willfully or maliciously bring charges against another member, and fail to prove the same shall be suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine; and witnesses summoned, who are members of the Order, and neglect to appear before the Committee or Lodge which summons them, shall be guilty of con-

tempt, and shall be fined or reprimanded, as a majority of the members present at any regular meeting may determine.

16. Any member having been expelled, shall not be again proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion. No member who has violated the pledge shall be re-instated by this Lodge, unless the offending member come before the Lodge and make public acknowledgement of the fact, and again take the obligation of fidelity.

ARTICLE XI.

CARDS AND TRAVELLING MEMBERS.

1. Application for either Visiting or Clearance Cards, must be made in open Lodge, at a regular meeting thereof; and if no objection be made, the same shall be granted—provided the member applying shall be clear of the Secretary's books. Should objections be made, the matter shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

2. A member receiving a Visiting Card must pay all dues up to the time for which the Card is drawn, and must return the Card to the Lodge when it has expired.

3. No member belonging to another State can be permitted to visit in this Lodge, unless he present a regular Card, and prove himself in possession of the T. P. W., and the Degree in which the Lodge is open. On the presentation of the Card, the W. C. T. shall appoint a committee of three to examine the visitor; one member of the committee must be the W. C. T. himself, the W. V. T., or some other member known to be in possession of the T. P. W. The committee shall first examine the visitor privately

in the T. P. W., and the visitor must commence; he is then examined in the Degree in which the Lodge is opened, and in case of doubt, they may extend their examination to the other Degrees. If the committee is satisfied with the result of the examination, they will introduce the visitor into the Lodge without further ceremony.

4. This Lodge has no right to inform visiting members of any informality in a Card, where such exists.

5. The Lodge may admit a travelling member who has once presented his Card, and undergone examination in the work, on his presentation of the same card while it remains in date, simply on his being identified as having previously visited on card, without further examination.

6. Members holding Visiting Cards from this Lodge, continue to be members of the Order, and are amenable to all the laws of this Lodge, in the same manner as other members.

7. Every Visiting or Clearance Card must bear the signature of the Grand Worthy Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North America, or a fac simile thereof. It must be signed by the W. C. T., and attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge granting it. The name of the holder must also be written on the margin, in his own handwriting.

8. A member who is under no charge, may, by written resignation, withdraw from the Order, and is not entitled to a Clearance Card—provided that his connection with the Order shall not cease until the end of the quarter for which he has received the password.

9. Any member applying for a Visiting or a Clearance Card, may withdraw his application at any time before the Card is actually granted.

10. A member holding a Clearance Card that has expired by limitation, can make application for membership as if the time had not expired; but a person cannot be admitted to visit on an expired Clearance Card. No card shall be valid for a longer period than one year from its date.

11. This Lodge may annul a Clearance Card, upon charges preferred and due investigation thereof.

12. This Lodge is bound to grant a new Clearance Card to a member who has drawn such a Card from this Lodge, but which has been lost or destroyed, upon being satisfied of that fact, and that the member is still in good standing in society.

ARTICLE XII.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Lodge shall be at liberty to adopt such By-Laws and regulations as they may deem advisable, provided, however, that no By-Law, regulation, or order of business, shall conflict with this Constitution, or the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

2. This Lodge shall send a copy of their By-Laws to the G. W. Secretary, for examination and correction, by the Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof must be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE XIII.

PER CENTAGE.

This Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such assessments as may be made at the annual session of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.

PASS-WORD.

1. No member shall be permitted to sit in the Lodge unless in possession of the P. W., and no member shall be entitled to receive the P. W. unless he or she is clear of the books at the commencement of the current quarter,* and any member who is six months in arrears for dues, shall thereby become a suspended member, and liable to expulsion after one year, on the fact being announced in open Lodge.

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* To be clear of the Books at the commencement of the current quarter, a member must pay all demands against him one quarter in advance.

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